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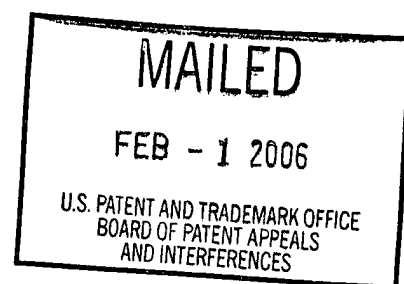
UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte TIMOTHY W. CONNER and
YIJUN G. RUAN

Appeal No. 2003-1072
Application 09/333,534

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL



Before FLEMING, Chief Administrative Patent Judge,
HARKCOM, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge,
ADAMS, Administrative Patent Judge.

Per curiam.

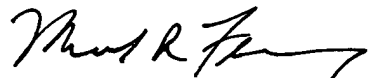
On March 1, 2002, appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On December 23, 2005, appellants filed a communication requesting that this application be expressly abandoned in favor of a continuing application filed December 22, 2005.

Accordingly, it is


ORDERED that the appeal filed March 1, 2002, is dismissed.

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The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.



Michael R. Fleming, Chief
Administrative Patent Judge


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